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SUBJECT: MONEX FIELD SURVEY

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1. BACKGROUND: A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC PROJECT UNDER THE GLOBAL ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH PROGRAM (GARP) OF THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION (WMO) AND THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC UNIONS (ICSU) IS THE MONSOON EXPERIMENT (MONEX). INDONESIA IS A PARTICIPANT IN THE WINTER MONEX PHASE OF THE EXPERIMENT SCHEDULED FOR FIELD ACTIVITIES FROM DECEMBER 1978 THROUGH FEBRUARY 1979. THE GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA HAS DESIGNATED MR. C. SUTRISNO (DIRECTOR, METEOROLOGICAL AND GEOPHYSICAL INSTITUTE, JAKARTA) AS THEIR NATIONAL FOCAL POINT FOR MONEX. THE WMO HAS ESTABLISHED AN INTERNATIONAL MONEX MANAGEMENT CENTER (IMMC) IN MALAYSIA. THE UNITED STATES HAS SECONDED A SCIENTIST, DR. MARTIN YERG, TO THE IMMC TO ASSIST IN THE

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PLANNING AND TO MAINTAIN LIAISON BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL AND U.S. MANAGEMENT OF MONEX.

2. THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF) IS THE LEAD U.S. AGENCY FOR MONEX. NSF HAS ESTABLISHED A U.S. MONEX

PROJECT OFFICE (MPO) AT THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH (NCAR) TO MANAGE U.S. PARTICIPATION IN MONEX. DR. JOACHIM KUETTNER IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE USMPO AND THE DESIGNATED U.S. MONEX FOCAL POINT. MR. WILLIAM BOLHOFFER IS PART OF THE MPO STAFF. MR. ROBERT MCBETH IS ON THE STAFF OF NCAR AND PROVIDES ADVICE AND CONSULTATION TO THE MPO ON MONEX OBSERVATIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

3. MR. BOLHOFFER IS PRESENTLY IN INDONESIA TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE JOINT U.S.-INDONESIA MONEX OPERATIONS AS CONFIRMED BY REF TEL A. BOLHOFFER WAS ADVISED TO PROVIDE FULL INFORMATION TO EMBASSY. THESE DISCUSSIONS ARE A FOLLOW-UP TO PRELIMINARY FIELD SURVEY MADE EARLIER (SEE REF TEL B).

4. NSF UNDERSTOOD PRESENT DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE INFORMAL AND WOULD REQUIRE NO SPECIAL SUPPORT FROM EMBASSY. IF THESE DISCUSSIONS ARE FRUITFUL NSF MAY REQUIRE ASSISTANCE OF EMBASSY TO CARRY OUT RESULTING JOINT U.S.-INDONESIAN OPERATIONS FOR MONEX. NSF WILL KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS. NO INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT IS CONTEMPLATED.

5. MR. BOLHOFFER CAN PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH INFORMATION ON U.S. PLANS. NSF WILL BE PLEASED TO PROVIDE ANY FURTHER NECESSARY INFORMATION. CHRISTOPHER

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